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### **Glen Haven circuit upgrades near completion as Allenspark circuit upgrades begin**

The Town of Estes Park's Light and Power Division is continuing to upgrade electrical circuits for more reliable service across the system, as well as to meet future electricity demands. The Town's contractor, Selcon Utility, will begin rebuilding the Allenspark circuit in early May. In addition, Light and Power crews are wrapping up a substantial in-house project to upgrade the Glen Haven circuit.

The Allenspark circuit upgrade will focus on the power lines between St. Malo Retreat and Conference Center and Wild Basin. The circuit will be rebuilt with heavy duty power line cables which are more reliable, more fire-safe in case of downed lines, and more wildlife-friendly. This phase is expected to be complete by this fall. The Town expects to rebuild the remainder of the Allenspark circuit in 2013.

The Glen Haven circuit upgrade began in May of 2011 and is scheduled for completion by the end of May, 2012. By using its own manpower and equipment, the Town has saved an estimated \$200,000 on the project. It included upgrading 68 power poles and installing 12,430 feet of new line in rugged terrain. The work extended along Co. Rd. 43, from the top of the switchbacks to near the Glen Haven General Store. Light and Power crews installed nearly two miles of heavy duty power line cables which are more reliable, more fire-safe in case of downed lines, and more wildlife-friendly. The new power poles will be stabilized with stronger guy wires and power pole anchors that are eight feet rather than six feet in length.

In addition to these circuit upgrades, the Town has initiated several projects to increase electrical service reliability for Estes Park Light and Power customers. These include upgrades to the Marys Lake Substation in 2008, upgrades to the Beaver Point, Peakview and Fish Creek circuits, and the 2009 underground utility crossing at the Marys Lake Road bridge. For more information, please contact Light and Power Superintendent Todd Steichen at 970-577-3601, or visit [www.estes.org](http://www.estes.org). To receive Town news in your email inbox, please email [townadmin@estes.org](mailto:townadmin@estes.org)

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